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Remarks

Claims 25-31 are pending in the above captioned application. Claims 1-52 were originally filed in this case on July 29, 2003, and claims 1-24 and 32-52 were canceled in a preliminary amendment filed on the same day, these claims having been prosecuted in the parent application.

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement regarding the claims in Group I (claims 1-24 and 32-52) and Group II (claims 25-31). Applicants hereby elect to have prosecuted the claims in Group II (claims 25-31) and the claims in Group I (claims 1-24 and 32-52) have been previously cancelled.

Conclusion

Claims 25-31 remain in the above-captioned action and have been elected for prosecution. Claims 1-24 and 32-52 have been previously cancelled. Claim 26 has been amended to correct typographical errors before prosecution on the merits.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees or charges are due in the above caption application for its continued prosecution, however, in the event that any such charges are due and owing, then the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such additional fees or charges to the deposit account of the assignee of the present application, Cymer, Inc., Deposit Account No. 03-4060.

Respectfully subjected.

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